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The American Numismatic and Archaeological Society of New York.

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CIRCULAR TO MEMBERS.

THE Society desiring to collect and preserve materials in order to enable the Historiographer to prepare and read before it, upon the demise of any member, a memorial of his life, these queries are forwarded to you with the earnest request that they may be answered *in extenso*, and returned without delay.

QUESTIONS.

1. What is your full name? Answer. James Kirkwood

2. What were the names of your parents? A.

Thomas Kirkwood. & Helen Inglis Cathell

3. What were the names of your grandparents? A.

all
A
dead { James Kirkwood William Cathell
Margaret Cunningham Jane Burns grand niece of Robt. Burns. Poet.

4. When and where were you born? A.

Southampton. Hampshire. England. July 24th. 1848.

5. If you are married, give the maiden name of your wife, and her residence, the names of her parents, the date of your marriage, and the place where you were married? A. Yes. { Catherine Strang. { Melita Cottage. Denny. Stirlingshire. Scotland

Married at Denny on July 22nd. 1880. { Wife's parents { George Strang } both dead
Mary Boyd }

6. If you have had any children, give their names in the order of their birth. A.

Mary Agnes Boyd Kirkwood : Ella Alice Cathell Kirkwood : Thomas James Kirkwood.

7. If any member of your family is deceased, give the name and date of death. *A. Lett died at Balt- April 1861.*

death. A. Father, died at Malta. April 1861.

Mother " " Denny. May 1884

Thomas Kirkwood, only Brother " " Hong Kong. August-1884.

8. State where you were brought up and educated. *A.*

83. J. Wilson's Academy. Velletri. ^{Italy} and the "Wilson Academy" Wiltshire, England

9. If you were graduated by any college, give the name and class. *A.*

10. State what degrees, if any, have been conferred, and by whom. *A.*

Member of Institution of Mechanical Engineers. London. England. elected }
Member of Institution of Naval Architects. London. England. elected }
1875

11. State your occupation; and if you are a member of any of the learned professions. A. Engineer

12. If you have held any public office, either Municipal, State or Federal, state what, when, and for how long. *A.*

13. If you have been connected with any corporations, or other societies, state in what manner. *A. Only societies with which I am connected are Masonic. viz.:-*

"Zetland Lodge E.C. No 525 Hong Kong.	joined in 1892.	still a member		also been in "Victoria Lodge E.C. No 1026. Hong Kong 1875-9.
"Victoria Chapter E.C. No 525 "	"	" 1875 "	"	" - "Ionic" " E.C. No 1781. Amoy China 1878-9
"Victoria Preceptory "	"	" 1879 "	"	" - "Gwentum" " E.C. No 1806 " "
"Kystore Mackay Street No 104 E.C. Valletta Malta "	"	" 1880 "	"	in 1879 was Senior Deacon of Gwentum; in 1880 went home.

14. If you have written any book, pamphlet or article which has been printed, state when and where published, and give titles in full, and please furnish copies to the Library of the Society. A. *A Pamphlet*

Appendix to "Wayles' Coins of the 'Ta Tsing' Dynasty." China "this appeared in the
copy has been sent to the Society - "China Review" Vol 4

15. If any biographical sketch of you or history of your family has been printed, please refer to it? *A.*

16. Give in detail any incidents which have gone to make up the history of your life; acquaintance with distinguished men, etc.; in fact, everything that should be presented in a memorial of your life. *A. Served my apprenticeship with Messrs J. & H. Thomson Engineers & Shipbuilders, Clydebank, Glasgow, Scotland. In 1868-9 & 1870 Travelling in South Africa and Madagascar, got to within 100 miles of the Victoria Falls on the Zambezi River where disease amongst our party & fever amongst ourselves drove us back. In 1870 arrived in Hong Kong and for 3 years was Deputy Engineer of the Kowloon & Aberdeen Docks of the Hong Kong & Whampoa Dock Company, Hong Kong. In 1872 left the Dock Co. & joined the Imperial Maritime Customs Service and am still in that service, but since 1880 have been detached for special duties, first at Newcastle on Tyne, England, to inspect progress of construction of 2 Cruisers & 3 Gunboats built at Messrs Sir W. Armstrongs works, & latterly in China with Kienlin as head quarters, as Inspector of Machinery for the "Pei Yang" & Northern Squadrons.*

17. If any of your ancestors or descendants have held important positions of honor or trust, please give details. *A.*

18. If you can give the name of the first ancestor of the family in this country, please do so. *A.*

NOTE.—Please also send to the Society, for its Album, a photographic likeness of yourself, with your autograph beneath it, if you have not already done so; and donations of anything you may have written will be particularly acceptable, as well as contributions germane to its Library and Cabinets.

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Biographical Sketch

June 2^d & Dec. 2^d 1860

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